

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-24 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated that claims 1-16 and 18-24 are rejected. By this amendment, claims 16-17 have been cancelled; claims 1, 9, 15, 19, 23 and 24 have been amended; and new claim 25 has been added. Hence, claims 1-15 and 18-25 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

### **In the Specification**

Applicant has amended the specification to insert the application serial numbers in lieu of the docket information in the cross-reference section. Applicant has amended the specification to secure a substantial correspondence between the claims amended herein and the remainder of the specification. No new matter is presented.

### **In the Claims**

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101**

The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 24 to be directed toward statutory subject matter.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claim 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration and indications of allowability of these claims.

By this amendment, the allowable limitations of claims 16 and 17 have been incorporated into the language of claim 15, and claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled, and those claims depending from claim 16 have been amended to now depend from claim 15.

Additionally, by this amendment, limitations similar to the allowable limitations of claims 16 and 17 have been incorporated into the language of apparatus claims 1 and 9 and into method claims 19 and 23. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 9, 19, and 23 are now allowable.

Finally, claim 24 is directed to a computer program product having a computer usable storage medium with computer-readable program code embodied in the medium for providing the microprocessor as recited in claim 15. By this amendment, the allowable limitations of claims 16 and 17 have been incorporated into the language of claim 24. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 24 is now allowable. Additionally, new claim 25 has been added that depends from amended claim 24 and that recites the additional limitations of claim 18.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In view of the arguments advance above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 and 18-25 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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